Achievement of Tenth Plan Targets

†397. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any information regarding possibilities of achieving targets fixed for the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and if so, the sectors in which targets would be fulfilled; and

(c) the names of the sectors in which even 50 per cent of the fixed targets have not been achieved by March, 2004, and the special steps taken by Government to achieve these targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the available information upto 2003-04, the tenth Plan targets are likely to be achieved in Mining and Quarrying, Rail Transport, Transport by other means and Communications Sectors.

(c) The sectors that have not achieved even 50 per cent of the Tenth Plan targets upto 2003-04 are Agriculture and Allied activities and Electricity, Gas and Water Supply. The strategy to raise the growth rate in agriculture would include raising cropping intensity in our existing land, higher public investment in irrigation, improvement in rural diversification of agricultural products, etc. For electricity sector the strategy would include improving the operating performance of electricity sector, reducing the gestation lags and transmission and distribution losses, etc.

Annual Plan for States

398. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether annual plan 2005-06 for the State of Assam/Maharashtra/ Madhya Pradesh has been sanctioned;

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